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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Assistant Director, Current Intelligence  
**FROM:** Chief, Military Division  
**SUBJECT:** Staff Study on Proposed Plans for  
Special Map Room - White House

1. Pursuant to instructions, the attached study outlines a proposed plan of development for the special White House situation room. Included are work plans and an artist's concept of the equipping of the facility, together with tentative cost estimates and suggested map and chart coverage.

2. For planning purposes, certain matters involved in the construction and management of the facility that may require special attention are also outlined.

3. The 1 July 1956 deadline specified for completion of the room is conditioned upon the expediting of necessary clearances for purchasing equipment and engaging construction crews. For example, the completion of the map display cabinet for Wall "A" by 26 June would require agency approval on or about 23 May.

4. Additional sketches, plans and methods of procedure will be furnished upon request. I have designated [redacted] to coordinate the construction activities in the facility as soon as the space is available (about 15 June).

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Chief, Military Division

Enclosures: 1 - Items for special consideration  
2 - Work Plans and Sketches

3 - Suggested Map and Chart Coverage  
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